To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the FCC's revocation of the conditional waiver for Lightsquared's LTE operations utilising the MSS L-Band.

As both a professional and recreational user of GPS for many years, I have come to appreciate what an essential part of America's (and the world's) infrastructure GPS has become.

Virtually the whole world looks to GPS as an essential utility. Allowing a company such as Lightsquared to interfere with such an essential service (even if only on American soil) would have sent a very curious message to the rest of the world about the importance and value which the US government places on maintaining and protecting its GPS service. I am pleased that the FCC has taken the decision to safeguard GPS.

GPS has become such an integral part of so much of America's ordinary, day-today activity, I find it curious that the FCC allowed matters to progress as far as they did. Billions of dollars have been invested in to GPS – not only by the US government, but also by the citizens of America, as individuals, as corporations and small companies, and by local government departments. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by America's citizens on commercially available GPS receivers which give good service and work accurately and reliably in their present waveband.

Allowing such use to continue without interference or hazard is the right decision. GPS is an essential national and international service, and as such it should be given full legal protection.

Sincerely,

Michael Mable

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